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Office Action Summary

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FORMAN ET AL.

Examiner

Thjuan P Knowlin

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 January 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 1-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Silverman (US 5,875,240).
2. In regards to claims 1, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 22, and 23, Silverman discloses a communications call system, apparatus, and method (communications switching system 100) comprising: a telecommunication device (telephone set 102); associated with said telecommunication device, call-processing means for processing a call, having an input-output port for transmitting call signals to said telecommunications device; associated with said call-processing means, sensing means for providing real-time information signals indicative of real-time activity proximate said call-processing means, wherein said call-processing means conveys said information signals to a caller (analog telephone set 101) on a call into said input-output port prior to putting the call through to said telecommunications device (col. 12 lines 17-54).
3. In regards to claim 2, Silverman discloses the system, further comprising: connected to said call-processing means, an incoming call line and an outgoing call line; connected to the incoming line, a call router (switch 107/108); a plurality of location-

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identifiable telecommunications devices (telephone set 101/102, ISDN telephone set 103/104, and multimedia terminal 105/106) connected to the incoming line via the router; and accessible to said router, a database (database 111/112) having real-time information representative of current proximity of individuals to each of said telecommunications devices, wherein said router provides said real-time information signals back to the caller to a specific one of said telecommunications devices prior to routing a call thereto (col. 12 lines 17-40).

4. In regards to claims 4 and 15, Silverman discloses the system and method, wherein said real-time information is at least one photograph image (col. 5-6 lines 62-4).

5. In regards to claims 5, 6, 14, and 16, Silverman discloses the system and method, wherein said real-time information is audio playback of current persons in proximity to said telecommunications device (col. 10 lines 39-58).

6. In regards to claims 7 and 17, Silverman discloses the system and method, further comprising: means for authenticating identity of said caller prior to said call-processing means conveying said information signals to said caller on a call into said input-output port (col. 7 lines 44-55).

7. In regards to claims 8, 9, 18, 19, 20, and 21, Silverman discloses the system and method, further comprising: means for providing said caller with a plurality of options for further action following receipt of said real-time information (col. 10 lines 25-58).

Conclusion


8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Cannon et al (US 6,760,413) teach a display of call related information regarding a called party.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thjuan P Knowlin whose telephone number is (703) 308-1727. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:00-4:30pm.

10. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (703)305-4731. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

11. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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